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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant's claim to the benefit of filing of prior Japanese Patent Application No. 11-278708, filed September 30, 1999, and No. 2000-216946, filed July 18, 2000 is hereby confirmed.

A certified copy of each of the above-referenced applications is enclosed.

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